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(54) Title: TOPICAL COMPOSITION FOR STIMULATING HAIR GROWTH WITH STABLE FREE RADICALS

(57) Abstract

Topical composition and method for stimulating hair growth. The composition contains, in an occlusive or semiocclusive pharmaceutical carrier, a stable free radical forming substance such as minoxidil, diphenyl hydantoin, diazoxide, porphyrin, proxyl, doxyl or tempo, an antiandrogen such as spironolactone, and optimally, a free radical scavenger such as dimethyl sulfoxide, a tertiary phosphine oxide or a retinoid. The method involves applying the composition to skin, preferably water-soaked skin, once or twice a day.

TOPICAL COMPOSITION FOR STIMULATING HAIR GROWTH WITH STABLE FREE RADICALS

SPECIFICATION

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to a composition and method for treating baldness, particularly androgenic alopecia.

Background of the Invention

Various treatments were available for conditions such as male and female pattern baldness and alopecia areata. Several substances were known to be effective when administered internally, but had undesirable concomitant systemic effects and the hypertrichosis was not confined to the scalp area. In an effort to avoid these side effects and to confine the hypertrichosis to the scalp area, several attempts were made to apply such substances in a topical preparation to the affected area. However, such attempts had generally been only marginally successful, and the results obtained with the topical preparation containing the orally effective substances

were comparable to and generally little better than those obtained with topical application of the carrier only.

U.S. Patent 2,986,573 described a process for treating hypertension by administering a 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide, otherwise unsubstituted in the heterocyclic portion of the nucleus, having a saturated lower aliphatic hydrocarbon radical in the 3-position and a chlorine atom or its equivalent on the benzenoid portion of the nucleus in the 6- or 7- position.

U.S. Patent 4,184,039 described the development of uncontrolled hair growth in patients treated orally with 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides; and also described topical application of 6-chloro-3-dimethylaminoethoxymethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide and 6-chloro-3-cyclohexenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide in DMSO and in suspension to promote hair growth.

U.S. Patents 4,139,619 and 4,596,812 described a process for stimulating the growth of mammalian hair by the application of 6-amino-4-(substituted amino)-1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-2-iminopyrimidines to mammalian skin in association with a topical pharmaceutical carrier.

U.S. Patent 4,347,245 described a composition containing spironolactone in a liquid carrier such as alcohol, urea, mineral oil or white petrolatum.

Stewart, M.E. et al., "Antiandrogens and the Skin," International Journal of Dermatology, Vol. 17, pp. 167-179 (1978) described the application to the foreheads of acne patients of 10% cyproterone in 50% aqueous dimethyl sulfoxide, with no reduction in sebum secretion or improvement in acne being produced.

U.S. Patent 4,367,227 described a composition for reducing sebum secretion when applied to the skin, which composition contained cyproterone acetate dissolved in a C_2-C_3 aliphatic alcohol.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides a topical composition for stimulating the growth of hair including, in a pharmaceutical carrier, (i) a hair growth stimulant, (ii) an antiandrogen, and optimally (iii) a free radical scavenger.

In another aspect, the invention is a method of stimulating the growth of hair by applying to the skin to be treated a composition including, in a pharmaceutical carrier, (i) a hair growth stimulant, (ii) an antiandrogen, and optimally (iii) a free radical scavenger.

Detailed Description of the Invention

Briefly, the composition of the invention includes a pharmaceutical carrier, a hair growth stimulant described in more detail hereinbelow, an antiandrogen and optimally, a free radical scavenger.

The carrier of the composition, in which the hair growth stimulant, antiandrogen and any scavenger will generally be substantially homogenously dispersed, is preferably an occlusive or semi-occlusive preparation which may be a water-in-oil emulsion, but is most preferably an oil-in-water emulsion. As used herein, the terms "occlusive" or "semi-occlusive" are used in reference to a carrier which substantially prevents or inhibits, respectively, evaporation of water from the skin to which it is applied. As examples of non-occlusive carriers, there may be mentioned water, urea, alcohols and glycols such as methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, ethylene glycol and propylene glycol, and the like.

Suitable water-in-oil emulsions are commercially available under the designations Aquaphor, cold cream, Eucerin, hydrous lanolin, Hydrosorb, hydrophilic petrolatum, Nivea, Polysorb, Qualatum and Velvachol. Suitable oil-in-water emulsions are available commercially under the designations acid mantle cream, Almay emulsion

cream, Cetaphil, Dermabase, Dermovan, hydrophilic ointment, Keri cream, Lubriderm cream, Multibase cream, Neobase cream, Univase cream, Vanibase cream, and Wibi.

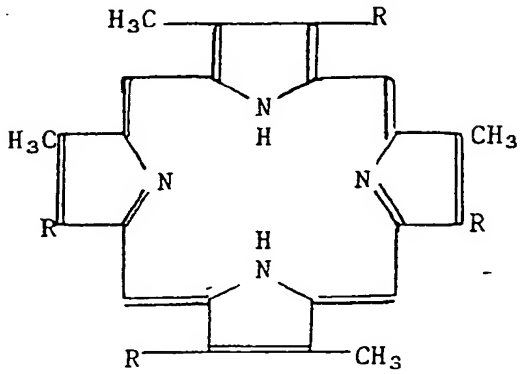
The carrier may further contain various other emollients, emulsifiers, water, perfumes, colorants, preservatives and the like. In a preferred embodiment, the carrier comprises the Dermovan emulsion, propylene glycol and water.

A hair growth stimulant is broadly defined herein as any substance other than the carrier, the antiandrogen and the free radical scavenger which is effective in the present topical composition to promote the growth of hair, especially for treating conditions such as male pattern baldness. In general, pharmacologically acceptable substances which form stable free radicals are contemplated as being suitable hair growth stimulants. The formation of stable free radicals in a substance is attributable to electron acceptance or donation from other radicals or reducing and/or oxidizing species, and is generally confirmed by electron spin resonance spectrometry. Several of such substances, such as minoxidil, diphenyl hydantoin, and diazoxide, are known to promote hair growth when administered internally.

Hair growth stimulants contemplated as suitable in the present composition include minoxidil and the compounds related thereto described in U.S. Patent 3,461,461; 3,382,247 and 3,644,364 which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Also contemplated as suitable hair growth stimulants are the porphyrins; 5,5-di-substituted- hydantoins; substituted 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides; nitroxide spin labels and spin traps such as doxyl, proxyl and tempo nitroxides; and various nitrones and nitroso spin labels and spin traps described in more detail hereinbelow.

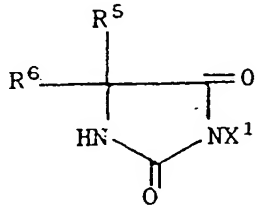
Porphyrins are physiologically active nitrogenous compounds, many of which occur naturally. Porphyrins are

also known as substituted porphines and are derived from the following structure:



Specific representative examples of contemplated porphyrins include uroporphyrin, coproporphyrin, protoporphyrin and the like.

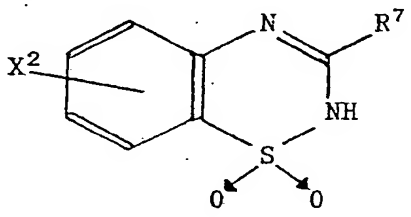
Hydantoins contemplated as suitable have the general formula:



wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently alkyl, aryl, alkaryl, haloaryl, alkoxyaryl, heteroaryl, aminoaryl or the like, or together are diarylene, and X^1 is hydrogen, alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylamine, alkanolamine, polymethylene diamine or the like. Specific representative examples include 5,5-diphenylhydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-(p-bromophenyl)- hydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-(p-chlorophenyl)-hydantoin, 5,5-di-(p-dimethylaminophenyl)-hydantoin, 5-diphenylene-hydantoin, 5-xylenyl-5-phenylhydantoin, 5,5-(di-p-tolyl)-hydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-

anisylhydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-(2-thienyl)-hydantoin, sodium salts thereof and the like. Such compounds and their preparation are described, for example, in U.S. Patents 2,366,221 and 2,409,754, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Diazoxide is 7-chloro-3-methyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide. Also contemplated as suitable hair growth stimulants in the composition are the substituted 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides of the general formulae:



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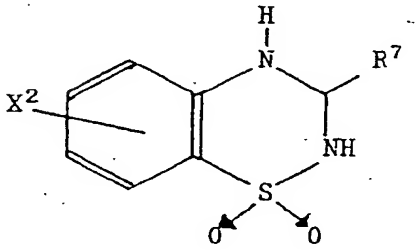


(II)

wherein X^2 is chlorine, bromine or trifluoromethyl in the 6, 7, 8 or 9 position or lower alkyl or lower alkoxy in the 6 position, and R^7 is alkyl, dialkylaminoalkoxyalkyl, or aralkyl, or a pharmacologically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

Specific representative examples of contemplated 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides include:

3-methyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-ethyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-ethyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-n-pentyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-cyclopentyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-n-butyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3,6-dimethyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3,7-dimethyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-octyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-dimethylaminoethoxymethyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-cyclohexenyl-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-heptyl-8-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-styryl-8-chloro-3,4 dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-propyl-6-methyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide; and

3-methoxy-6-ethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide.

Such compounds and their preparation are described, for example, in U.S. Patents 2,986,572 and 4,184,039 which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Other stable free radical forming compounds contemplated as being useful as hair growth stimulants in the present invention include spin labels and spin traps. Exemplary of these are: melanin; 4,4-dimethyl-3-oxazolinyloxy (hereinafter "doxyl") and derivatives such as 3-doxyl-5α-cholestane, 3-doxyl-17β-hydroxy-5α-androstane, 5-doxylstearic acid, 7-doxylstearic acid, 12-doxylstearic acid, 16-doxylstearic acid, 5-doxylstearic acid methyl ester, 7-doxylstearic acid methyl ester, 12-doxylstearic acid methyl ester, 16-doxylstearic acid methyl ester and the like; 2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1-pyrrolidinyloxyl (hereinafter "proxyl") and derivatives such as 3-(aminomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-bromoacetamido]-acetamido)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-2-bromoacetamido)-ethoxyethyl]-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-bromoacetamido]-methyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-[2-bromoacetamido]-propylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-bromoacetamido)-proxyl, 3-carbamoyl-proxyl, 3-carboxy-proxyl, 3-cyano-proxyl, 3-(5-[dimethylamino]-1-naphthalene-sulfonamido)-proxyl, 3-(5-fluoro-2,4-dinitroanilino)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-iodoacetamido]-acetamido)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-(2-iodoacetamido)-ethoxyethyl]-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-iodoacetamidomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-[2-iodoacetamido]-propylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-iodoacetamido)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-isothiocyanatoethoxy]-ethylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-isothiocyanatoethylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(isothiocyanatomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-isothiocyanato-propyl carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-maleimidoethoxy]-ethylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-maleimidoethyl-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(maleimidomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-maleimidopropyl-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-maleimidoproxyl, 3-(4-nitrophenoxy carbonyl)-proxyl, and the like; 2,2,6,6,-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxyl (hereinafter "tempo") and derivatives such as 4-amino-tempo, 4-(2-bromoacetamido)-tempo, 4-(ethoxyfluorophosphinyloxy)-tempo, 4-hydroxy-tempo, 4-(2-iodoacetamido)-tempo, 4-isothiocyanato-tempo,

4-maleimido-tempo, 4-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)-tempo, 4-oxo-tempo, 4-phosphonooxy-tempo, and the like; other spin labels such as 2-(acetoxymercuri)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-imidazolin-1-yloxy-3-oxide, 3-carbamoyl-2,5-dihydro-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yloxy, 3,([ethoxycarbonyl]-oxycarbonyl)-2,5-dihydro-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yloxy and the like; and nitrone and nitroso spin traps such as N-t-butyl-α-phenyl-nitrone, 3,5-dibromo-4-nitroso-benzenesulfonic acid; 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide, 2-methyl-2-nitroso-propane, nitrosobenzene, nitrosodisulfonic acid, α-(4-pyridyl-1-oxide)-N-t-butylnitrone, 3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-pyrroline N-oxide, 2,4,6-tri-t-butylnitrosobenzene, and the like. Such spin labels and spin traps are commercially available.

Effective amounts of the hair growth stimulant generally range from about 0.01 to about 20 percent by weight of the composition, more preferably from about 0.1 to about 10 percent by weight, most preferably from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight, and especially about 2 percent by weight, but more or less may be present in the composition depending on the particular hair growth stimulant. For convenience, reference is made hereinbelow to diphenyl hydantoin, but it is to be understood that the suitable substitutes therefor described above may be present partially or entirely in lieu of diphenyl hydantoin itself.

The second essential ingredient is an antiandrogen, preferably one which interferes with the binding of androgens such as dihydrotestosterone to receptors in hair follicles. However, antiandrogens which interfere with or inhibit the synthesis of androgenic compounds are also contemplated. The preferred compounds function primarily to block dihydrotestosterone receptors rather than to inhibit the reduction of testosterone, and are also known as DHT blockers. Exemplary of such antiandrogens are spironolactone, cyproterone, cyproterone acetate, and the

like. Of these, spironolactone is preferred because its effects from topical application are generally more limited to the local site of application.

Effective amounts of the antiandrogen generally range from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight of the composition, but more or less than this may be used depending on the particular antiandrogen. The optimum amount is about one percent by weight of the composition for spironolactone and about 0.1 percent for cyproterone and cyproterone acetate. Quite surprisingly, at amounts above these optimums, the effect of the antiandrogens is not as great, and for unknown reasons, in some cases the presence of the antiandrogen in the composition in amounts in substantial excess of the optimum may result in a reduced effectiveness in stimulating hair growth in comparison to the composition containing no antiandrogen.

The hair growth stimulation effected by the present composition is improved when a free radical scavenger, preferably a hydroxyl radical scavenger, is present. As used herein, the term "free radical scavenger" includes compounds which suppress free radical generation as well as compounds which react with free radicals in biological systems. Hydroxyl radical scavengers are, for example, sulfoxides, phosphine oxides, retinoids, purines, pyrimidines, thiols, halide ions, aromatic hydrocarbons and the like. Free radical scavengers preferred in the composition of the present invention include those pharmaceutically acceptable hydroxyl radical scavengers which have a substantial effectiveness as a hydroxyl radical scavenger, and especially compounds having an effectiveness as a hydroxyl radical scavenger substantially equivalent to or better than DMSO.

A preferred class of free radical scavengers includes sulfoxides of the formula R^8R^9SO wherein R^8 is alkyl, alkenyl, heteroalkyl (e.g. thiaalkyl or azaalkyl), hydroxyalkyl, or alkoxyalkyl having up to about 14 carbon atoms, and R^9 is independently alkyl or hydroxyalkyl

having from 1 to about 8 carbon atoms. Examples of R^8 suitable herein include octyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, 3-decenyl, 2-dodecenyl, 3-undecenyl, 3-octenyl, 2-ketooctyl, 2-ketodecyl, 2-ketoundecyl, 2-ketododecyl, 2-hydroxyoctyl, 2-hydroxydecyl, 2-hydroxyundecyl, 2-hydroxydodecyl, 3-hydroxyundecyl, 3-methoxyundecyl, 2-methoxydodecyl, 3,6-dioxadodecyl, 2-ethylhexyl, and branched chain nonyl and dodecyl resulting from polymerization of three and four moles of propylene, respectively. Examples of R^9 include methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, hydroxymethyl, 2-hyroxyethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, and 4-hydroxybutyl.

Especially preferred sulfoxides for the purposes of this invention are the dialkyl sulfoxides where R^8 is a hydrocarbyl alkyl or hydroxy-substituted alkyl group containing from 8 to 12 carbon atoms and R^9 is methyl, ethyl or propyl. As examples of these preferred sulfoxides there may be mentioned octyl methyl sulfoxide, nonyl methyl sulfoxide, decyl methyl sulfoxide, undecyl methyl sulfoxide, dodecyl methyl sulfoxide, 2-hydroxydecyl methyl sulfoxide, 2-hydroxyundecyl methyl sulfoxide and 2-hydroxydodecyl methyl sulfoxide.

Another preferred class of hydroxyl radical scavengers includes the tertiary phospine oxides of the formula $R^{10}R^{11}R^{12}PO$ wherein R^{10} is alkyl, aralkyl, heteroalkyl (e.g. azaalkyl or thiaalkyl), hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, or ketoalkyl of from 1 to 14 carbon atoms, or aryl of from 6 to 12 carbon atoms, and R^{11} and R^{12} are independently alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or ketoalkyl of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms. Examples of R^{10} include methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, 2-propenyl, 3-decenyl, 2-dodecenyl, 3-undecenyl, 3-octenyl, 2-ketobutyl, 2-ketohexyl, 2-ketoocotyl, 2-ketodecyl, 2-ketoundecyl, 2-ketododecyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxyhexyl, 3-hydroxyheptyl, 2-hydroxyoctyl, 2-hydroxyundecyl, 2-hydroxydodecyl, 3-hydroxyundecyl,

2-methoxybutyl, 3-methoxyundecyl, 2-methoxydodecyl, 2-chlorodecyl, 3-chlorobutyl, 2-thiomethylhexyl, 3,6-dioxadodecyl, 2-oxaheptyl, 3-azahexyl, 2-thiadecyl, 2-ethylhexyl, phenyl, naphthyl, m-tolyl, benzyl, and branched chain nonyl and dodecyl resulting from polymerization of three and four moles of propylene, respectively.

Examples of R^{11} and R^{12} include methyl, ethyl, propyl, hydroxymethyl, 1-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, and the like.

Especially preferred phosphine oxides for the purpose of this invention are those in which R^{10} is a hydrocarbyl alkyl or hydroxy-substituted alkyl substituent containing from 8 to 12 carbon atoms and R^{11} and R^{12} are each methyl, ethyl or propyl. As examples of these preferred phospine oxides there may be mentioned octyl dimethyl phospine oxide, nonyl diethyl phosphine oxide, decyl dimethyl phosphine oxide, undecyl dimethyl phosphine oxide, dodecyl dimethyl phospine oxide, 2-hydroxydecyl dimethyl phosphine oxide, 2-hydroxyundecyl dimethyl phosphine oxide and 2-hydroxydodecyl dimethyl phospine oxide. Dodecyl dimethyl phospine oxide is especially preferred.

The retinoids comprise another preferred class of free radical scavengers. Exemplary retinoids include carotene, tretinoin, isotretinoin, 9-cis-tretinoin, retinol, retinol acetate, retinol palmitate, dehydroretinol, 9-cis-dehydroretinol, 13-cis-dehydroretinol, 9,13-di-cis-dehydroretinol, retinal, etretinate, retinyl acetate, 9-(4-methoxy-2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-3,7-dimethyl-2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid and the like. Especially preferred retinoids include tretinoin and 9-(4-methoxy-2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-3,7-dimethyl-2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid.

The free radical scavenger is preferably present in the composition in a proportion effective to, synergistically with the diphenyl hydantoin and antiandrogen, stimulate the growth of hair. The effective

amount depends on the particular free radical scavenger and its scavenging effectiveness, but is generally in the range of from 0.01 up to 50 percent by weight of the composition. For the sulfoxides such as DMSO, the effective amount is generally from about 5 to about 25 percent by weight of the composition, preferably about 15-20 percent by weight. Depending on the particular carrier, the amount of DMSO present may be adjusted to avoid phase separation. With free radical scavengers such as tretinoin, the effective amount is as little as 0.01-0.5 percent by weight. For convenience, reference is made hereinbelow to DMSO, but it is to be understood that other suitable free radical scavengers may be present, partially or entirely, in lieu of DMSO.

In some instances, the combined effect of the antiandrogen and free radical scavenger in the composition is sufficient to obtain acceptable hair growth stimulation without the presence of a hair growth stimulant per se. As examples of such compositions, there may be mentioned the combination of spironolactone with a sulfoxide such as DMSO or with a retinoid such as tretinoin. Such compositions, while generally less effective from the standpoint of the amount of hair growth and length of time to response, are generally nearly as effective as the composition with the hair growth stimulant from the standpoint of the proportion of those treated who eventually respond.

According to the method of the invention, the composition of the invention described above is applied topically to the skin to be treated, such as the scalp. Preferably, the application is once a day with a sufficient amount of the composition to cover the area at which the stimulation of hair growth is desired. It is contemplated that results are improved when the composition is applied after water-soaking the skin. Thus, a preferred embodiment of the method is convenient

in that the composition can be applied once daily immediately following bathing.

Generally, best results are obtained in treatment of bald or thinly-haired scalp areas in which hair loss has not occurred for a period of time substantially in excess of about 3-5 years. The effectiveness also depends, although to a lesser degree, inversely on the age of the user.

The preparation and use of the composition is illustrated by way of the following examples.

Preparation of the Composition

Example 1

A composition according to the invention was prepared with the ingredients and proportions listed in Table I.

Table I

Ingredient	Proportion
Dermovan emulsion[1]	15 pounds
DMSO	3 pints
Water	2 pints
Propylene glycol	2 pints
Diphenyl hydantoin	0.5 wt.%
Spironolactone	0.5 wt.%

Notes for Table I:

1. Obtained from Owen Laboratories; Dermovan emulsion contains water, glycerol stearate, glycerin, mineral oil, synthetic spermaceti, cetyl alcohol, butylparaben, propylparaben and methylparaben.

The water and propylene glycol were added to the diphenyl hydantoin in a suitable container. The DMSO was then added and the mixture was thoroughly mixed and

allowed to stand overnight. Then, with constant stirring the Dermovan emulsion was added slowly. The mixture was then allowed to stand at least 24 hours with occasional stirring.

Example 2

A composition is prepared as in Example 1 except that 2.0 percent by weight of sodium diazoxide is substituted in place of the diazoxide and the proportion of spironolactone is decreased to 0.01 percent by weight.

Example 3

A topical gel was prepared with the following ingredients and proportions:

Table II

Ingredient	Proportion
DMSO	3 pints
Propylene glycol	3 pints
Water	3 pints
Spironolactone	1 wt.%
Diphenyl hydantoin	1 wt.%
Hydroxypropyl cellulose (M.W. 100,000-1,000,000)	1 wt.%

The ingredients were combined with stirring and allowed to sit for 3-5 days until the mixture formed a gel.

Example 4

A lotion was prepared with the following ingredients and proportions:

Table III

Ingredient	Proportion
Propylene glycol	2 pints
Water	2 pints
Ethyl alcohol	6 pints
Urea	10 wt.%
Spironolactone	1 wt.%
Diphenyl hydantoin	1 wt.%

The ingredients were combined with stirring to form a lotion.

Example 5

A cream was prepared as in Example 1, except that 1 pint of propylene glycol was used instead of 2 pints, 1 wt.% minoxidil was used instead of diphenyl hydantoin, 1 wt.% spironolactone instead of 0.5 wt.%, and also contained 0.01 wt.% tretinoin added with the minoxidil and spironolactone.

Use of the Composition

Example 6

The composition of Example 1 was applied topically to the scalps of male patients with 2-5 years of hair loss who had all been previously treated with 2 wt.% minoxidil in a solution of water (70 vol.%), ethanol (15 vol.%) and propylene glycol (15 vol.%) without any significant promotion of hair growth. The composition of Example 1 was applied to the scalp twice daily at a rate of 1 ml/day. About half of the subjects responded with photographically verifiable hair growth after 2-6 months of treatment. In contrast, a control group similarly administered the composition of Example 1, but without any diphenyl hydantoin, exhibited less hair growth and had a

longer response time, although the number of subjects eventually responding was also about half of the group.

While I have described the composition and method of my invention above, many variations in the ingredients, proportions, and manner of preparation will occur to those skilled in the art. It is intended that all such variations which fall within the scope and spirit of the appended claims be embraced thereby.

CLAIMS:

1. A composition for topical application to the skin to stimulate hair growth, comprising:

(a) a hair growth stimulant;

(b) an antiandrogen; and

(c) a pharmaceutical carrier in which said hair growth stimulant and said antiandrogen are substantially homogenously dispersed.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein said hair growth stimulant is a substance which forms a stable free radical.

3. The composition of claim 2, wherein said hair growth stimulant is selected from the group consisting of: 6-amino-4-(substituted amino)-1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-2-iminopyridines, porphryins, 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides, 5,5-diaryl hydantoins, and nitroxide, nitroso and nitrone spin labels and spin traps.

4. The composition of claim 1, wherein said antiandrogen interferes with the binding of dihydrotestosterone to receptors.

5. The composition of claim 2, further comprising a free radical scavenger.

6. The composition of claim 5, wherein said free radical scavenger is selected from the group consisting of: sulfoxides, tertiary phosphine oxides, and retinoids.

7. A composition for topical application to the skin to stimulate hair growth, comprising:

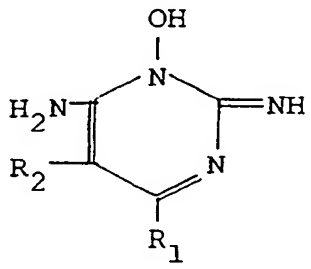
(a) a pharmacologically acceptable substance which forms a stable free radical;

(b) an antiandrogen; and

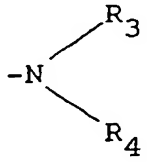
(c) a pharmaceutical carrier in which said hair growth stimulant and said antiandrogen are substantially homogenously dispersed.

8. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming stubstance is selected from the group consisting of: 6-amino-4-(substituted amino)-1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-2-iminopyrimidines, porphoryns, 5,5-diaryl hydantoins, 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine -1,1-dioxides, nitroxide, nitroso and nitrone spin labels and traps.

9. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is a 1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxypyrimidine compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula:



wherein R_1 is a moiety selected from the group consisting of moieties of the formula:



wherein R_3 and R_4 are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower aralkyl, and lower cycloalkyl, and taken together, R_3 and R_4 may be a heterocyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of aziridinyl, azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidino, hexahydroazepinyl, heptamethylenimino, octamethylenimino, morpholino and 4-lower-alkyl-piperazinyl, each of said

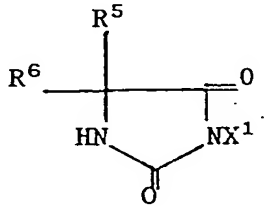
hetrocyclic moieties having attached as substituents on the carbon atoms thereof 0-3 lower alkyl groups, hydroxy or alkoxy, and wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkoxyalkyl, lower cycloalkyl, lower aryl, lower aralkyl, lower alkaryl, lower alkoxyaralkyl, and lower haloaralkyl, and the tautomers and pharmacologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

10. The composition of claim 9, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is minoxidil.

11. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is a porphyrin.

12. The composition of claim 11, wherein said porphyrin is selected from the group consisting of: uroporphyrin, coproporphyrin and protoporphyrin.

13. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from hydantoins of the formula:



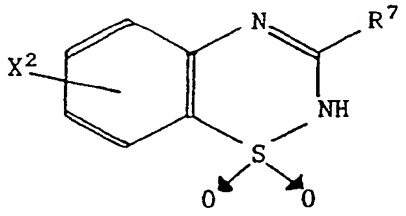
wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently aryl, alkaryl, haloaryl, alkoxyaryl, heteroaryl, aminoaryl, or taken together, R^5 and R^6 are diarylene, and X^2 is hydrogen, alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylamine, alkanolamine or polymethylenediamine.

14. The composition of claim 13, wherein said hydantoin is selected from the group consisting of: 5,5-diphenylhydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-(p-bromophenyl)-hydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-(p-chlorophenyl)-hydantoin, 5,5-di-(p-dimethylaminophenyl)-hydantoin, 5-diphenylene-hydantoin, 5-xylenyl-5-phenylhydantoin, 5,5-(di-p-tolyl)-hydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-anisylhydantoin, 5-phenyl-5-(2-thienyl)-hydantoin, and salts thereof.

15. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is 5,5-diphenylhydantoin or a salt thereof.

16. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is a 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide.

17. The composition of claim 16, wherein said 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide is selected from compounds of the formulae:



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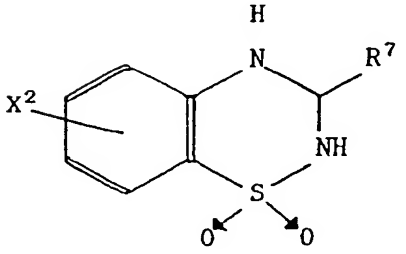

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wherein X^2 is chlorine, bromine or trifluoromethyl in the 6, 7, 8 or 9 position or lower alkyl or lower alkoxy in the 6 position, and R^7 is alkyl, dialkylaminoalkoxyalkyl, or aralkyl, and pharmacologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

18. The composition of claim 17 wherein said 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide is selected from the group consisting of:

3-methyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-ethyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-ethyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-n-pentyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-cyclopentyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-n-butyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3,6-dimethyl-7-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3,7-dimethyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-octyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-dimethylaminoethoxymethyl-6-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-cyclohexenyl-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-heptyl-8-chloro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-styryl-8-chloro-3,4 dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-propyl-6-methyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide;

3-methoxy-6-ethyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide; and

pharmacologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

19. The composition of claim 17, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is 7-chloro-3-methyl-2H-1,2, 4-benzothiadiazine 1,1,-dioxide or a salt thereof.

20. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from the group consisting of derivatives of 4,4-dimethyl-3-oxazolinyloxy, 2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1-pyrrolidonyloxy and 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy.

21. The composition of claim 20, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from the group consisting of: 3-doxyl-5α-cholestane, 3-doxyl-17β-hydroxy-5α-androstane, 5-doxylstearic acid, 7-doxylstearic acid, 12-doxylstearic acid, 16-doxylstearic acid, 5-doxylstearic acid methyl ester, 7-doxylstearic acid methyl ester, 12-doxylstearic acid methyl ester and 16-doxylstearic acid methyl ester.

22. The composition of claim 20, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from the group consisting of: 3-(aminomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-bromoacetamido]-acetamido)-proxyl,

3-(2-[2-2-bromoacetamido)-ethoxyethyl]-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-bromoacetamido]-methyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-[2-bromoacetamido]-propylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-bromoacetamido)-proxyl; 3-carbamoyl-proxyl, 3-carboxy-proxyl, 3-cyano-proxyl, 3-(5-[dimethylamino]-1-naphthalene-sulfonamido)-proxyl, 3-(5-fluoro-2,4-dinitroanilino)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-iodoacetamido]-acetamido)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-(2-iodoacetamido)-ethoxyethyl]-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-iodoacetamidomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-[2-iodoacetamido]-propylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-iodoacetamido)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-isothiocyanatoethoxy]-ethylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-isothiocyanatoethylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(isothiocyanatomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-isothiocyanato-propyl carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-[2-maleimidoethoxy]-ethylcarbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(2-maleimidoethyl-carbamoyl)-proxyl, 3-(maleimidomethyl)-proxyl, 3-(3-maleimidopropyl-carbamoyl)-proxyl and 3-maleimidoproxyl, 3-(4-nitrophenoxy carbonyl)-proxyl.

23. The composition of claim 20, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from the group consisting of: 4-amino-tempo, 4-(2-bromoacetamido)-tempo, 4-(ethoxyfluorophosphinyloxy)-tempo, 4-hydroxy-tempo, 4-(2-iodoacetamido)-tempo, 4-isothiocyanato-tempo, 4-maleimido-tempo, 4-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)-tempo, 4-oxo-tempo, and 4-phosphonooxy-tempo.

24. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from the group consisting of: 2-(acetoxymercuri)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-imidazolin-1-yloxy-3-oxide, 3-carbamoyl-2,5-dihydro-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yloxy, and 3,([ethoxycarbonyl]-oxycarbonyl)-2,5-dihydro-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yloxy.

25. The composition of claim 7, wherein said stable free radical forming substance is selected from the group consisting of: N-t-butyl-α-phenyl-nitrone, 3,5-dibromo-4-nitroso-benzenesulfonic acid; 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide, 2-methyl-2-nitroso-propane, nitrosobenzene, nitrosodisulfonic acid, α-(4-pyridyl-1-oxide)-N-t-butylnitrone, 3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-pyrroline N-oxide, and 2,4,6-tri-t-butylnitrosobenzene.

26. The composition of claim 7, wherein said antiandrogen interferes with the binding of dihydrotestosterone to receptors.

27. The composition of claim 7, wherein said antiandrogen is selected from the group consisting of: spironolactone, cyproterone, cyproterone acetate, and combinations thereof.

28. The composition of claim 7, wherein said carrier is an occlusive or semiocclusive carrier selected from the group consisting of water-in-oil emulsions and oil-in-water emulsions.

29. The composition of claim 7, further comprising a free radical scavenger homogenously dispersed in said carrier in an amount less than 50 percent by weight of the composition.

20. The composition of claim 29, wherein said free radical scavenger is selected from the group consisting of sulfoxides, tertiary phosphine oxides and retinoids.

31. The composition of claim 29, wherein said free radical scavenger is a sulfoxide of the formula R^8R^9SO wherein R^8 is alkyl, alkenyl, heteroalkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl having up 1 to about 14 carbon atoms, and R^9

is independently alkyl or hydroxyalkyl having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

32. The composition of claim 31, wherein R^8 is alkyl or β-hydroxyalkyl having up to 14 carbon atoms and R^9 is methyl.

33. The composition of claim 32, wherein R^8 is methyl.

34. The composition of claim 30, wherein said free radical scavenger is a tertiary phosphine oxide of the formula $R^{10}R^{11}R^{12}PO$ wherein R^{10} is alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, or ketoalkyl having up to 14 carbon atoms and R^{11} and R^{12} are independently alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or ketoalkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms.

35. The composition of claim 29, wherein said free radical scavenger is an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, ethylene glycol, and propylene glycol.

36. The composition of claim 7, further comprising a retinoid.

37. The composition of claim 36, wherein said retinoid is selected from the group consisting of: carotene, tretinoin, isotretinoin, 9-cis-tretinoin, retinol, retinol acetate, retinol palmitate, dehydroretinol, 9-cis-dehydroretinol, 13-cis-dehydroretinol, 9,13-di-cis-dehydroretinol, retinal, etretinate, retinyl acetate, and 9-(4-methoxy-2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-3,7-dimethyl-2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid.

38. The composition of claim 36, wherein said retinoid is tretinoin or 9-(4-methoxy-2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-3,7-dimethyl-2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid.

39. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight 5,5,-diphenyl hydantoin;

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight sprionolactone; and

from about 5 to about 25 percent by weight dimethyl sulfoxide;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

40. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight 5,5,-diphenyl hydantoin;

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight sprionolactone; and

from about 0.01 to about 0.5 percent by weight tretinoin;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

41. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight sprionolactone; and

from about 5 to about 25 percent by weight dimethyl sulfoxide;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

42. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight sprionolactone; and

from about 0.01 to about 0.5 percent by weight tretinoin;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

43. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight diazoxide;

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight spironolactone; and

from about 5 to about 25 percent by weight dimethyl sulfoxide;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

44. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight diazoxide;

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight sprionolactone; and

from about 0.01 to about 0.5 percent by weight tretinoin;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

45. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight minoxidil;

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight spironolactone; and

from about 5 to about 25 percent by weight dimethyl sulfoxide;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

46. A topical hair growth stimulating composition, comprising:

from about 0.5 to about 3 percent by weight minoxidil;

from about 0.01 to about 5 percent by weight sprionolactone; and

from about 0.01 to about 0.5 percent by weight tretinoin;

substantially homogenously dispersed in a pharmaceutical carrier.

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